



Twisted and battle-blackened propeller blades from Axis aircraft mark graves of German airmen killed in Western Desert.

Lack of Reception Place for Selectees Draws Complaints

For almost two hours, scores of parents and friends of the boys who composed the 33rd selective service contingent—one of the largest yet to be sent from this district—stood outdoors in the damp heavy fog Tuesday morning waiting to bid their sons, brothers, sweethearts and friends goodbye.

The selectees had orders to report in front of the draft board headquarters at 1337 El Prado at 5:30 a. m. It was after 7 o'clock when their buses pulled out for the Los Angeles induction station.

At the request of Chairman Carl Steele of the selective service board, the Torrance city council voted Tuesday night to open the Civic auditorium in the future on mornings when contingents of selectees leave from the local board. The caretaker is to be notified in advance of such departures by the selective service board. Councilman James Hitchcock made the motion to open the auditorium after reporting: "Having stood for an hour and a half in the cold damp fog Tuesday morning myself to say goodbye to my own son, I heartily agree with Mr. Steele that some accommodations should be provided."

Mother Tells Views One Torrance mother voiced the sentiments of the crowd that patiently waited in the cold damp fog when she said: "Saying goodbye to our boys was hard enough, but to have to wait and wait in the open without a place to sit down, without a roof over your head to protect you from the dripping fog was a double hardship that could have been avoided."

"Why couldn't the Civic auditorium have been opened to us for these few hours we wait with our boys?" It seems to me that our city officials should have been aware or told of the early morning assembly of our boys and planned some interior reception center for them and their friends.

"Fog in Their Hearts" "Many of those boys may not return and all of them left with the fog in their hearts because of the long three week wait in the cold, damp morning. In the future, those who have anything to do with the sending of our boys should provide a place indoors when the weather is bad for the comfort of the men and women who are giving them to the service of their country."

The mother-spokesman for the group declined to give her name, saying: "I don't want any publicity but I hope The Herald reports how we felt standing around waiting, waiting and waiting in the clammy fog. We don't want any formal program with speeches and singing and that sort of thing but we do think ordinary comforts of a waiting room should be provided."

Carl Steele, chairman of the board, said that officers at the Los Angeles induction center demand that the men report there at 8 a. m. "and that doesn't mean 8:05, either," he pointed out. "If we had a later departure hour it would be better for all concerned but only Monday we were informed the hour cannot be changed."

MINNEAPOLIS GUEST Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beecher are entertaining Miss Marion Hanson of Minneapolis as their house guest this week.

Housing Expert Renews Plea for Zoning Changes

A special study by the planning commission of the city "land use plan" for the purpose of enabling Torrance to "abide by the principles of good, sound planning and at the same time give its full measure of cooperation toward our nation's war effort by providing, sufficient areas to meet the housing needs of existing and future industrial population," was requested of the city council this week by Pat MacDonnell, housing coordinator.

In a letter which outlined in detail the government's property conversion plan to remodel homes into multiple family dwellings, MacDonnell pointed out that the "land use plan" or zoning ordinance has curtailed areas here which can be developed to meet the housing shortage with the multiple units.

He wrote: "While it may be extremely desirable to maintain restrictions sufficient to insure a maximum development of single family dwellings, it is also imperative that we consider industrial housing requirements, if for no other reason than we are rated primarily as an industrial city."

Previous Request Pigeonholed "Several requests have been submitted," MacDonnell informed the council, "for government conversion of multiple units and in many instances we have been confronted with the problem of zoning. The government will not consider any property in zones which prohibit income residential uses, nor will it participate in any activity designed to change or interfere with principles of city planning."

The federal government, his letter continued, as a means of reducing the use of critical materials to an absolute minimum, has made it impossible to build single family dwellings for the duration and will approve only those projects designed in accordance with certain specifications calling for multiple family dwellings.

MacDonnell's request for a conference was referred to the City-Planning Commission which meets Jan. 25. MacDonnell on Dec. 15, 1942, conferred with the city council on the zoning "bottleneck" and at that time it was understood that the council tentatively agreed to lift some of the building restrictions and adopt an emergency resolution permitting necessary changes in the building code that would permit multiple housing units without further delay. However, no formal action has been taken on the matter.

The Torrance Board moved its headquarters this week to the second floor of the County Health Center building at 2300 Carson st. It is open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Tire Checkup Date Extended; Reduce Number

The office of prior administration Tuesday modified its periodic tire inspection program by postponing the Jan. 31 deadline for the first inspection and providing for less frequent examinations.

The action was taken, OPA said, to minimize public inconvenience and to smooth out occasional work peaks for the inspectors.

A stagger system was put into effect so that there will be three different deadlines for the first inspection.

Under the revised program, all holders of basic gasoline ration "A" coupons will have until the end of March for their first tire inspection, and subsequent inspections will be once in each six months, instead of the former requirement of once every four months.

Motorists with "B" or "C" supplementary books or bulk coupons for fleets will be required to get their first inspections by the end of February. After that, inspections for "B" bookholders will be once in every four months and for "C" bookholders and bulk coupon holders once every three months. Formerly the schedule called for examinations of cars with "B" and "C" rations once in two months.

Time Changed for Home Nursing Class Women interested in the Home Nursing course offered by the Red Cross will note the change of time from Tuesday to Wednesday evening each week. Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p. m., according to Mrs. Casper Clemmer, local Home Nursing chairman. Those who are interested should register at the branch headquarters or call Torrance 1524 at once.

Torrance Building Total for 1942 Fourth on List of 65 S. C. Cities

With its \$7,007,764 building permit total for 1942 Torrance was fifth on the list of 65 Southland localities whose construction totals for the past year was published in Sunday's Los Angeles Times. The whole table showed a \$150,328,180 volume of new building in 1942.

The only cities topping the Torrance total were: Los Angeles, \$87,238,318; San Diego, \$51,070,588; and Long Beach, \$32,712,680, while Los Angeles county unincorporated area reported \$48,538,699.

Torrance construction even exceeded that of Tacoma (\$7,369,375) and Berkeley (\$1,551,199). The Los Angeles Times reported: "Torrance with \$7,007,764 was one of the localities that reflected the great industrial expansion that resulted from war production requirements and was among the cities that registered large increases over the preceding year's totals." New building in Torrance in 1941 amounted to \$804,397.

The year end figures for surrounding cities were:

Compton	\$2,363,245
Inglewood	1,865,628
El Segundo	1,105,359
South Gate	2,519,184
Redondo Beach	316,205
Hawthorne	456,107
Lynwood	900,215
Manhattan Beach	124,262
Gardena	756,290
Hermosa Beach	131,979
Palos Verdes	79,845

Minnesota Mother Expresses Butter and Eggs to Son Here

Mothers have a delightful habit of looking out for their sons—even though they may be many, many miles apart. An example of this maternal concern is the gift reported Monday by Mr. and Mrs. George Arnette of 1597 El Prado from his mother, Mrs. P. A. Arnette of Luverne, Minn.

It was a large express package containing 12 dozen large fresh eggs and eight pounds of newly churned butter.

The Minnesota mother called her son by telephone a week ago after she had received a letter from him reporting the current shortage of these two foods in Southern California. She notified him she was shipping the eggs and butter immediately. Not a single egg was broken, Arnette reported.

Blood Donor Unit Sets Record With 144 Contributing Here

Setting a new record for the number of contributors in a single visit to the Los Angeles mobile unit, 144 Torrance residents gave blood Monday morning to the American Red Cross blood bank.

According to Dr. J. Carroll Elgin of the army medical corps, who was in charge of the mobile blood donor unit, this is the largest number of donors ever to be received at one day's station. Arrangements for the registration and scheduling of the donors were made by the Torrance branch of the Red Cross.

The mobile unit set up its station at 8:40 a. m. in the Civic auditorium where Torrance Red Cross workers had established a model receiving center and canteen corps members prepared refreshments for all who gave blood.

The last donor was escorted from the building at 1:45 p. m. Six of the donors, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Silence of 2372 Maricopa Place; Paul Vonderahe, steel worker, living at 1563 215th st.; Marie O. LePont, 25217 Eshelman ave.; Lomita; Elsie Smith, 719 Cota ave.; and Gertrude Morrison, 1403 1/2 Acacia ave., contributed their fourth pint of life fluid which is processed into plasma for use by the armed forces.

Notches on Seal Ring Those who give three pints of their blood receive a silver lapel pin while those who contribute their initial amount are presented with a bronze one. Vonderahe had his silver award made into an attractive seal ring with four tiny notches on the rim of the emblem, each one symbolizing his contributions.

"If my blood holds out, I intend to have that rim notched clear around," he said Monday. "That's the least I can do for the boys at the front."

Crosses who qualified for their silver button by giving their third pint were: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Baird, 2554 Sonoma ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Conner, 1720 Cabrillo ave.; Eugene Elliott, 714 Border ave.; Mary Emery, 2014 Torrance Blvd.; Leona P. Lincoln, 1229 Cota ave.; Mrs. Carl Ramsey, 2262 231st; Alexanderina Ramskill, 1604 West 220th st.; Mattie Russell, 1016 Arlington ave.; Mary

UNIT SEEKS ARMY-NAVY BLOOD DONOR AWARD Efforts of the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross to obtain an Army-Navy "E" award for its work in the blood donor service were endorsed by the city council Tuesday night and the city attorney was instructed to write the Los Angeles Blood Donor Service urging that such an award be given serious consideration for the local unit.

ADJOURNED MEETING Members of the city council and the civil service board will meet tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock to discuss a proposed change in the pay schedule for power equipment operators.

City May Offer Supervision of Victory Gardens

Victory gardening here last summer, in the opinion of Water Superintendent William H. Stanger, was a complete flop, but in a letter to the city council Tuesday night he outlined a plan of supervised gardening and free irrigation water which may result in more productive gardens this summer.

Stanger said that out of 90 applications for the lower "Victory garden water rates," only 10 residents actually maintained their gardens through the growing season here. The others evidently found they were not proficient gardeners or let their plots wither and die, he indicated.

However, the water superintendent suggested that supervised gardening, with the city furnishing large plots and free water would be a real contribution to the war effort this summer. The gardens could be made recreational projects with the city leasing the land, providing the water and maintaining supervision of the work to be done by those desiring to grow their own fresh vegetables. The cost would be "very little and could be divided among those benefiting from the gardens," Stanger's letter pointed out.

The council will give the matter further consideration at its meeting Jan. 26 when both Stanger and Dan Riley, city recreation director, will be asked to be present for the discussion.

Bomber Goal In War Bond Drive In Sight

Purchase of the \$175,000 medium bomber, "City of Torrance," which is Torrance's objective in the current drive for sale of War Bonds and Stamps, is in sight, according to Chairman J. Hugh Sherfy and Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, chairman in charge of the women's division handling the drive.

Present totals have topped \$160,000, they say, and it's goal to go with 14 selling days remaining before the deadline Feb. 1. Both Sherfy and Mrs. Leech urge the people of Torrance to display now, more than ever, their determination to check the Axis and bring about an early successful conclusion to the global war. They urge buying bonds and more bonds so that Torrance may join the group of proud cities which will have the right to name a bomber.

According to Sherfy, this city has been awarded a plaque as evidence of prize-winning in the Pasadena Bond tournament.

Quaggin Delayed in Getting Leave After Long Service

It's a long time "no see" for Fred and Emma Quaggin of 1609 Anapola ave., but they have had two long distance telephone conversations since he arrived in San Francisco Tuesday at the end of a six and one-half months voyage as a first assistant engineer in the Merchant Marine.

Quaggin expected to arrive home last night but the crew, he reported in his second call from the bay city, has not yet been released from the ship. He said he did not know when he would obtain liberty.

The local man has been at sea almost continuously, making cruises to Australia and the strategic New Guinea Islands, since he enlisted in the Merchant Marine.

Here's Consolation All this is not equal to one pound of food a day. And actually securing anything like these amounts requires a great deal of genuinity, stealth in patronizing the "black markets" run by the Germans—and money for bribes.

That is the pattern rationing takes when the enemy gets too close. However difficult or bothersome the new system may appear on the eve of its birth in this country, it's good to know that unlike France, Holland, Yugoslavia, Burma and the Philippines, here at least it will be administered American style—not Nazi and not Jap.

War Plants Prepare Attack on 3 Blocks To Production Here

A concerted attack to crack the three serious "bottlenecks" to continued war production in the Torrance industrial area—manpower, transportation and housing—will be made by the major industries, Pacific Electric railway, building concerns and the U. S. Employment Service as result of a round-table conference held at Christy's cafe Tuesday noon.

Arranged by Pat MacDonnell, city coordinator, this session was attended by 19 executives, all deeply concerned with the triple barrier to execution of war orders. Each contributed a report detailing how his concern was functioning in meeting the ever-increasing shortage of labor and what the outlook—mostly dark—was for the future.

It was generally agreed that while the manpower scarcity was a major headache now, by mid-summer it will be much worse. To offset this potential threat to production, another meeting of the men who participated in Tuesday's discussions will be held at the city council room next Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 19 at 2 o'clock to form a committee, as yet unnamed, that will compile a full scale report on the critical needs of the community.

Model Chalets Sacrificed to War Effort Remember those model Swiss chalets and church that decorated El Prado park during the 1941 holiday seasons? They were the nucleus of a Swiss village that was to have been enlarged year by year until the miniature homes and other buildings dotted a large area of the park each Christmas season.

But they were not assembled for the last holiday period on account of the almost total lack of building materials and regulations and this week their plywood walls and roofs are being cut up to make separate telephone booths for the corps of operators at the Civilian Defense Control Center.

Thus, another budding Christmas tradition has been sacrificed here to all-out war. The other holiday features, such as illuminated streets and homes, the annual evening Yuletide musical program at the high school and the municipal visit of Santa Claus were discontinued last year.

May Restore P. E. Line This report, to be sent the War Manpower Commission, Office of Defense Transportation, U. S. Employment Service and other governmental agencies, will urge greater consideration of the Torrance industrial area when increased housing and transportation facilities are considered for the Harbor district.

Harry O. Marler, passenger traffic manager of the Pacific Electric, in reporting on transportation, gave an indication of how this barrier to increased employment in local plants may be surmounted. He said the P. E. was "considering restoration of abandoned railway lines as a means to save rubber being used by buses" and mentioned particularly the Los Angeles-Santa Bernardino line.

"We have a good rail line to Torrance from Sixth and Main in Los Angeles. Some service could be established if we were assured of coordinated hours of employment in your local plants," he said. "The service could run to the Los Angeles terminal or to Watts and also contact with the L. A. Street Railway line at Broadway. But here is the questionable point about this plan: How many would use the rail service? And can hours of employment be arranged in order to assure patronage of the line?"

"The public is going back to the use of automobiles, now that the 'scare' of gas rationing has subsided. The line we have found on another industrial rail line—direct to Terminal Island to benefit Calship employes that we are carrying only about one per cent of the total number of workers. Other industrial lines, for instance to Lockheed-Vega plants in Burbank, are likewise not getting the patronage we anticipated. The line is handling only about 2000 out of all of the workers in four great aircraft plants in that area."

Government Aides Present "There are several reasons for this. One is that rationing bonuses have been very generous to war workers in the matter of gasoline books. Your transportation problem is, naturally, our problem and we're happy to help out any way we can. But we want detailed information and I think the transportation survey should be handled thru the Railroad Commission and the Office of Defense Transportation. This survey must determine the origin and destination of passengers, how many will use the rail line and other vital matters," Marler concluded.

David S. Faulkner, vice president of National Supply, who had reported that firm's major problem was transportation, recalled that a four-car train from Los Angeles serviced his concern in its early days here and that many employes patronized the service. He asked Marler if any "feeder lines" could be linked to the Torrance-Los Angeles run, suggesting book-ups with the Vermont and Vernon cars to eliminate downtown Los Angeles congestion at Sixth and Main. Marler replied that "feeder lines" would undoubtedly be considered with any proposal to revive the Torrance-Los Angeles rail line.

In opening the luncheon session, MacDonnell pointed out that men in authoritative governmental posts, whose rulings (Continued on Page 3-A)

20 Boulevard Stops Eliminated

Twenty boulevard stops were eliminated by the city council Tuesday night on recommendation of Police Chief John Stroh as a method of helping motorists save their gasoline. The stops deemed unnecessary now because of the 35-mile-an-hour speed limit were:

On Lincoln and Arlington; on 229th and Arlington; on 237th and Narbonne, west side; on Newton st., onto Pacific Coast highway in Welteria; on 190th and Hawthorne going west or 190th; on Prairie and 174th; on 160th and Crenshaw; on 182nd and Prairie, traffic on 182nd going east; on Madrid for north and south traffic and Sonoma. On Cravens and Post; on Cravens and Border; on Portola and Border; on Beech and Torrance Blvd.; on Acacia and Torrance Blvd.; on Arlington and Carson, traffic on Carson, and iraly between Gramercy and Carson and 218th st.

HERE FROM SEATTLE Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bortney are entertaining their daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Bortney who arrived from Seattle Wednesday for an indefinite visit. Her husband is serving in the navy.